

Zoning Recodification Working Group (ZRWG)
July 14, 2017
Arlington Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room
8:00-9:30AM

Attendees: Christian Klein (ZBA), Steve Revilak (Town Meeting Member), Charlie Kalasuskas (MPIC), Nancy Flynn-Barvick (at-large), Cathy Garnett (Conservation Commission), Ralph Willmer (MPIC), Laura Wiener, Jenny Raitt (DPCD Staff), David Watson (ARB)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss outcomes from the 7/13/17 Recodification Public Forum. Participation was good—about 25 residents attended plus 15 members from a variety of Town Boards and Committees, Town Meeting Members, staff and ARB members.

Ralph—Need to demonstrate that there is no policy change. When we get to Town meeting we need a good, solid, well proof-read summary.

Steve—Need two summaries: short for general public and a longer document explaining where things were moved and why.

Christian—Current ZBL language protects the professions. You need a lawyer or an architect to use it.

David—It's better to incorporate state laws by reference, though harder for the layman. Website links to state law could work, though links can get broken and require maintenance.

Definition of structure omitted "retaining wall" though retained "trestle".

Ralph—Need to better describe why we are proposing moving signs from ZBL to Town Bylaw, and understand the enforcement mechanism, including appeals. Ralph will also research how other town/cities moved signs from ZBL to Town Bylaw/City Charter.

Cathy—The new ZBL needs to be easy to navigate both on-line and in print.

An FAQ could be developed to guide users of the bylaw.

Nancy—Explain that we are asking public for help with this.

Laura will document all meeting comments and circulate. Post documents from meeting to ZRWG web page.

Comments on Second Draft Reading accepted until Aug. 4, to ZoningRecod@town.arlington.ma.us

David—What about diagrams? Jenny—Not in scope of contract to create original diagrams. Ralph will look for examples from other Zoning Bylaws. Perhaps use an MAPC intern. List of policy issues for Town Meeting Members, and to post on website.

We might also start a list of policy issues for the next phase of work.

Jenny will follow up with RKG—graphics, diagrams, colloquialisms, retaining wall, case law.

Proofreading assignments, by August 4:

Section 1, Purpose and Authority—Steve

Section 2, Definitions—Ralph and Christian

Section 3, Administration and Enforcement—Cathy

Section 4, Establishment of Districts—Steve

Section 5, District Regulations—Charlie and staff

Section 6, Site Development Standards (Parking)—David

Section 7, Special Permits, removal of gravel...

Section 8, Special Regulations—Nancy (8.2 Affordable Housing) and ISD (8.1 Non-conforming Uses and Structures)

Adjourned at 9:20AM

Next Meeting: Friday August 4 at 8AM.